



# CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## JULY 2004 AGENDA

### ☒ Federal Waiver

<b>SUBJECT</b>  Request by <b>Solana Beach School District</b> to waive No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB); Title IV, Part A, Section 4115 (a)(1)(c) to use Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities funds to support the cost of <b><i>Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health Education</i></b> (Substance Use and Abuse Section).  Waiver Number: Fed-05-2004	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Action</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Consent</b>

### RECOMMENDATION

☐ Approval ☒ Approval with conditions ☐ Denial

The district must submit a report to the Safe and Healthy Kids Program Office (SHKPO) no later than July 2005 that describes its progress in evaluating the *Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health Education* program. The district must submit a report to the SHKPO no later than July 31, 2006, that describes the progress made by Central Michigan University in submitting the results of the evaluation to (1) the National Registry of Effective Programs, (2) the University of Colorado's Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, or (3) the California Healthy Kids Resource Center, for possible designation as a Model, Blueprint, or Validated Program. The district must be willing to take part in a formal evaluation, if requested and must also evaluate its own comprehensive prevention program in accordance with the district's approved Local Educational Agency Plan.

### SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

State Board Policy 03-01 contains guidelines for approval of applications for waiver of the NCLB requirements that Title IV funds be used for "science-based" prevention programs. This is the second waiver submission for the *Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health Education* curriculum. The first waiver, for the El Monte Unified School District, was recommended for approval in May 2004.

### SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

This application requests a waiver so that the local educational agency may use the "promising" prevention program, *Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health Education*, rather than a "science-based" prevention program as required by Title IV of NCLB. Per State Board Policy 03-01, there are three conditions, which must be satisfied before approval of the use of a "promising" prevention program rather than an already-established science-based program. Each of those conditions is listed in bold below.

**1. Is the program innovative?**

The program is innovative. In 1990, a state steering committee representing seven state agencies, which launched the program, began the process of revising and improving the existing lessons. Teachers, parents and content experts were invited to review the material, share their expertise and perspectives.

Today, the Michigan Model curriculum facilitates interdisciplinary learning through lessons that integrate health education into other curricula, including language arts, social studies, science, math and art. Teacher training in the implementation of the Model ensures that students and their schools get maximum benefits from this carefully structured program. The program is also on our list of promising programs.

**2. Does the program demonstrate substantial likelihood of success?**

The two conditions, substantial likelihood of success and innovation, are each satisfied because the U.S. Department of Education's Expert Panel has already designated the program as "promising." Policy 03-01 lists the Panel as one of the nationwide research groups that may recognize a new program as "science-based."

**3. Is there a plan and timeline for submitting the program for review and recognition?**

This condition requires that the plan be reviewed by one of the nationwide research groups identified in Policy 03-01, that the applicant show a commitment to supporting the scientific evaluation of the program and willingness to take part in clinical trials designed to measure program effectiveness, and that the applicant provide an annual report to the Waiver Office describing adequate progress for submitting the program for recognition as a science-based program. This waiver request meets this criterion, because Central Michigan University is in the process of submitting the program evaluation data to the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. The program thus far shows a significant decline in students' alcohol and drug use. Because the evaluation of the *Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health Education* is already being submitted, there is not much the applicant can do to take part in the clinical trials. Providing an annual report to the Waiver Office is a condition for approval of the waiver.

The Department recommends that this waiver request be approved as it meets each of the three criteria identified in the State Board waiver policy regarding the federal statute.

**Authority for Waiver:** NCLB, Title IV, Part A, Section 4115(a)(3)

**Local board approval date(s):** April 15, 2004

**Period of request:** July 8, 2004, to July 6, 2006

**FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)**

Waiver approval will allow the district to use the federal funds for this program.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Consent Item: backup materials, waiver request forms, and supporting documents are not available for Web viewing but are available for inspection in the Waiver Office.